CHANGE in Class Preved For Release 1999/09/08 : CIA-RDP82-00457R000200040006-7 cument No. DECLASSIFIED ass. CHANGED TO: CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP DDA Memo, 4 Apr 77 DDA REG. 77/1763 INTELLIGENCE REPORT Bte: 300378 By: 025 25X1X6 DATE: COUNTRY China INFO Political Information: Communists in East River DIST. 12 December 1946 Area, Kwangtung **PAGES** 1 25X1A6a SUPPLEMENT ORIGIN 25X1X6 This area from Tenshui (114-28, 22-47) to Muiyang (114-26, 23-05) and Laolungssu (115-20, 24-30) is under the control of the Communists. Practically the whole population in the area is pro-Communist. TSENG Sheng (曾生) and WANG Tro-yao (王作桑)), former leaders of the Kwangiung Communist East River Column who were repatriated to Shantung Province

TSENC Sheng () and WANG Teo-yao (E) former leaders of the Kwangtung Communist East River Column who were repatriated to Shantung Province by Executive Headquarters Field Team Number Eight, have returned to Kwangtung and are again in command of the East River Communists, now called Chi O Tuan () translated the "Hunger Engineent".

The Communists control all boats sailing between Huiyang and Laclungssu, charging passengers CMC \$10,000 between the two cities. High officials sent by the National Government to take care of the area all prefer to leave the area "for good". Source stated that he was afraid even to step out of his headquarters at Huiyang. Because of fear of the Communists, he had not reported to his superiers two cases of Communist blackmailing of merchants. He believed that it would take at least five years for the Covernment to "clean up the area".

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Note: According to a Chinese-American who was with the East River Column for two years before joining the American Army, it would be extremely difficult for the National Government to control this area. It has always been independent in spirit and has not been under Government control for many years because of the operation of the East River Column (or Guerrillas) in this area. The Chinese of this area are clannish, regarding government officials and garrisons as "Northerners" and strangers, of whom the natives are mary. This source stated that the appearance of a stranger in the area was immediately noted and the news spread around to surrounding villages. Because of the topography of the region the people have lived in comparative isolation, not moving out even during the war, becoming instead, a Communist pocket between the Japanese and the Nationalists. During the war little political training or propaganda was used by the East River Column. Source, however, did often hear the slogan, "This land is the land of the people". When source was again in the area in March 1946, he found the Communists much better equipped (with Japanese arms) and better organized. They had also acquired several good racios with which they were able to maintain contact with Yonan.)

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